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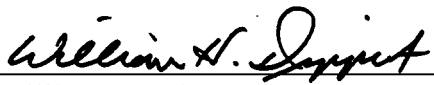
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Dear Mr. Dippert:

we
enclose a copy of the prosecution history of the above-identified application. Further enclosed is a signed Associate Power of Attorney. You may want to file this associate power along with your response in an attempt to avoid confusion in the Patent Office. As you are aware, a response to pending office action must be filed by February 28, 2001 to avoid abandonment.

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